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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: NEW GOVERNMENT HUMAN RIGHTS BODY

¶1. (SBU) King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued a decree on November 11 establishing a National Human Rights Authority (NHRA). According to local press reporting, the new body will review human rights complaints, work with international and domestic human rights organizations, and advise the government on human rights-related legislation. The twenty yet-to-be-appointed members will be drawn from the government, NGOs, and academia.

¶2. (SBU) Comment: Formation of the NHRA is the GOB's response to a formal recommendation made during its UN Universal Periodic Review earlier this year. Post will follow the selection process and engage with members to gain a better understanding of how the NHRA will define its mission.

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